

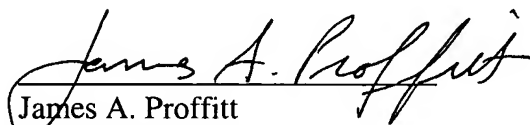
REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is filed for the above-identified patent application to amend the claims by canceling Claims 1-3, without prejudice, and by adding new Claims 4-39. As amended, the application has a total of thirty-six (36) claims, of which five (5) are independent claims. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is Check No. 341815 in the amount of \$1,360.00 to cover the fees associated with the additional claims. If any additional fees are deemed due, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

Applicants believe that the now pending Claims 4-39 include elements and limitations which are patentably distinct over the prior art and, hence, are patentable. Thus, Applicants submit that the present patent application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application is hereby courteously requested.

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